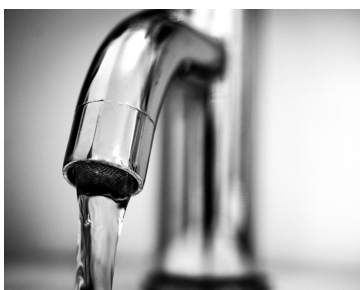


ICC SMART TIPS

Water Conservation



Clean water is essential for life, the earth's most precious resource. Water conservation is necessary to ensure an adequate supply of clean water for future generations and to preserve our environment. By following basic water conservation strategies, consumers can save both energy and money.



Did you know?

A leaking toilet waste more than 50 gallons a day, and at a rate of one drop per second, a leaking faucet waste up to 2,000 gallons per year. In the average home, household leaks waste more than 10,000 gallons of water each year – that's enough to wash 270 loads of laundry. Fixing easy household leaks can save homeowners about 10 percent on water utility bills.

Smart Tips to conserve water and lower your water bill:

- Investigate and fix leaking facets, worn valves and toilet flappers
- Spend less time in the shower
- Don't let water run while washing your hair, shaving, or brushing your teeth
- Run full loads of dishes and laundry
- Rinse fruits and vegetables in a bowl of water, use remaining water on plants
- Store a container of cold drinking water in the fridge
- Use a designated water bottle or glass to refill during the day, reducing the number of glasses to wash
- Avoid watering the lawn on a windy day due to excessive evaporation
- Water lawns during the coolest parts of the day
- Use a pool cover when not in use to eliminate evaporation

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